

# IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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For: Rail Positioning Device For Retractable Bumper Assembly  
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